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## what's UP on campus

### • Auditions open to all

On October 7th, auditions will be held in Terence Donaghoe Hall for the second play of the season, *A View From The Bridge* by Arthur Miller.



The show will be directed by Sr. Carol Blitzen. Auditions are always open for everyone. The roles being auditioned span a variety of ages from teens to elderly, so everyone is encouraged to audition. The particular scenes can be picked up on the drama bulletin board on second floor in Eliza Kelly Hall.

### • Band Beats

If you haven't been in the Atrium on Wednesday nights, you may not be aware of Clarke's largest and loudest organization, Instrumental Concert Ensemble (ICE). Beginning its fifth melodious year under the direction of Mr. David Resnick, the forty members of ICE have been hard at work each Wednesday night rehearsing a variety of twentieth-century American music.

### • CROP Walk

Do you like to walk? Join the group of Clarke students walking in the annual Dubuque CROP Walk. Students will walk in an effort to stop hunger in Dubuque and around the world. The 4.5 mile walk will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. To join, call Cassie Brown at X6677.



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## Students describe hopes and fears for Parent's Weekend

Hugs, care packages, and a little nagging

By Kathleen Serruer Staff Reporter

Feeling a little homesick but can't travel home? Wish you could get away from cafeteria food and dine at a nice restaurant? Is your cash flow getting a little low? Never fear, parents weekend is near.

Clarke is holding its annual Parent's Weekend, October 3-5. This is a time to see your family and friends and to spend some quality time together. Parents, brothers, sisters, and friends are encouraged to get involved in the activities that interest them.

Clarke students told us what they look forward to most and what they don't look forward to about Parent's Weekend.



Fourshadow, an Acapella group, will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in Kehl.

from my mom."

-Sophomore Meagan Davids: "I actually spend time with my parents when I'm not doing laundry."

-Junior Lori Michaud: "I don't like it when my parents yell at me

because my dorm room is messy. I'm not in their house so I don't understand why they care."

-Junior Dale Cary: "I look for-

ward to having a good, big meal for a change."

-Freshmen Jon Cochrane: "I won't like it if my parents yell about all the cans and bottles that I'm recycling."

-Junior Brooke Dreske: "I look forward to seeing my parents, eating at a nice

restaurant and going to the play later."

Senior Brett Jondle: "My parents do so much for me and have supported me so much in my years at college, so I look forward to just spending time with them."

### Visiting Home: Don't mistake your parents for your roommate...

This weekend parents are the guests. When the tables turn, Washington Post columnist Ellen Goodman has some advice for surviving a student's first visits home from college. She begins by outlining the differences between a parent and a roommate.

• Biorythms. Remember, roommates can engage in deep conversations about the meaning of life at 1 a.m. Parents cannot. On the other hand, parents think you look sweet when you are sleeping. Unless it's noon.

• Music. Unlike roommates, parents regard music as something to listen to—not as a permanent accompaniment. Do not try to discuss your incomplete physics or your desire to spend the summer in Tibet to a hip hop beat.

• Finally, be kind to your elders. After all, you're experiencing a new stage—learning how to be a part-time family. P.S. There's one other difference between roommates and parents. You can always get another roommate."

### EVENTS

FRIDAY

3

Parent's Weekend  
COSPT Massage Clinic.  
12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Music Dept. Sneak Preview  
3 p.m. JMH  
Comedian Chad Taylor. 8 p.m. JMH  
Play *Smoke On The Mountain*.  
8 p.m. TDH  
Movie Independence 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

4

Parent's Weekend  
Quigley Galen Invitational Exhibit  
5th annual Tri-State's Largest Chili  
Cook-off. Cable Car Square.  
Fourshadow, Kehl Amphitheatre.  
8 p.m.  
Play, *Smoke On the Mountain*.  
8 p.m.  
Movie Independence 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

5

Parents' Weekend  
Play *Smoke on the Mountain*.  
8 p.m. TDH

TUESDAY

7

Auditions for *A View From The Bridge*. 7 p.m. TDH

WEDNESDAY

8

Yolanda King, "Leadership and Diversity".  
7:30 p.m. TDH

THURSDAY

9

Pep Rally, Coronation. 8 p.m.  
Country Dancing. 7-11 p.m.  
Dubuque County Fairgrounds.

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What Clarke family will perform in this weekend's play? See page 3.



In search of the elusive taco. See Gray Areas, page 2.

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**Gray areas****For whom the Taco Bell?**

There are several honors that the city and county of Dubuque hold. These include "Best water," "Second highest alcohol consumption per capita," "Largest city not connected to the national interstate system," and "Largest city without a Taco Bell."



Personally, I won't concern myself with the issues of water, alcohol, and motor vehicle pathways. What does get my attention is the lack of a Taco Bell in the area.

*After attending Clarke for two years, I've learned when to ignore a rumor.*

Taco Bell is a fast-food chain specializing in tacos and other "Mexican" culinary delights. The chain is known for providing an inexpensive meal and for catering to the insomniac and nocturnal.

Being that there are three colleges in Dubuque, one could only speculate as to the reasons why Dubuque was overlooked. A matter of this magnitude is very likely to get the rumor mill spinning, so I hit the beat to get people's opinions. I heard everything from, "The other taco places won't let them open one" to "Taco Bell is

opening one up next week." After attending Clarke for two years, I've learned when to ignore a rumor. However, like the guy in *Usual Suspects* said, "A rumor's not a rumor that doesn't die." Amen.

Being the conservative reporter that I am, I just couldn't take word of mouth as a legitimate source. So, I decided to talk to the people who would know. First, I chatted with the manager of the Coralville, Iowa Taco Bell. She mentioned that they're trying to get one open in the "Dubuque-Clinton area." That's great, but I believe there already is one in the Dubuque-Iowa City area, and several in the Dubuque-Chicago area.

The district manager for Taco Bell was only slightly more helpful. "All I can say is that Dubuque is a high-priority area, and it has been for several years."

Something is keeping the Bell out of Dubuque, but what is it? Is it perhaps that other taco places are running an empire of quasi-Mexican chains in the Dubuque area? Does Taco Bell even know where Dubuque is? Does Carolyn Bell have some power she is utilizing to monopolize her nickname? Or maybe they just don't like the water. Like I said, I can only speculate. All I know is that I have a full change cup, an empty stomach, and the Union is closed. Does Village Inn take pennies?



Clarke College has a novelist. Gary Arms, assistant professor of English, held a book signing and discussion in the Atrium on Monday, Sept. 29. Arms' novel, *Mythology Smart Junior*, is a new addition to the Smart Junior series and is aimed at teaching junior high students about Greek mythology. "Mythology Smart Junior is a bit different from the others because it's not in textbook format," says Arms. "Since it's mythology, and mythology is made up of little stories, I wrote a novel." The novel is available in the Clarke Bookstore among many other bookstores. —Tracy Paulsen, Editor

**Freshmen recount first triumphs, pitfalls**

By CYNTHIA GREDEL BERRIOS

*Every year brings new experiences. Here are some of the best and worst things that the class of 2001 experienced in their first weeks as college students.*

• Shakima Lisandra Ortiz, computer science major from the Virgin Islands: "The best thing is that I don't feel as home sick as I thought I would. I have the best friends here who make me feel at home. The worst is that having no car, I have to depend on people to take me to get things I need."

• Suzanne Harvey, physical therapy major: "Everyone is so friendly and outgoing here: It makes me feel very welcome. The worst thing that happened was when my computer disk got a virus and I lost my entire biology lab assignment."

• Tyler Brandt, exploratory major from Minneapolis: "What I like the best so far is how comfortable I feel here. The students and faculty are so open and friendly. What I like least is that study habits here are much different than high school."

• Curran Burns, political science major from Brown Deer, Wis.: "The best thing that happened to me was not getting a lot of homework. The worst thing was forgetting where my dorm room was."

• Clifton James Sanders, communication major from Chicago: "I like the overall friendly atmosphere here. It is fun kicking it with my Puerto Rican friends and my guys from the third floor of Mary Josita. The worst part so far is that dish room, and how easy colds spread around."

• Tracy Heinz, Physical Therapy major from Wind Lake, Wis.: "The best thing is the people. The students and staff here are so warm and welcoming. The worst thing was when I was working at the switchboard. I was kicking back with my feet on the desk talking to some friends when the phone rang. When I went to answer it, the chair slipped out from under me and I fell backwards front of everyone! I was so embarrassed!"

**New chips offer security, not intrusion**By ANGIE BICKER  
Staff reporter

**A**midst all the hustle of moving into the dorms, did you ever wonder why you had a small silver chip to use instead of a key?

"At first I thought it would be a lot of trouble, but now I think it's better for security reasons. It's easier to hold the chip for the elevator and not have to key in every floor in the dorms," said sophomore Jessica Miller.

The new chip system is hooked up to the main computer in the security office and each building has a minicomputer. According to John Swanton, director of safety and security, when a student holds the chip to the chip reader, the reader looks at its configuration and sends it to the main computer.

The chip provides more convenience for students living in Mary Fran. They can get into the front door of Mary Jo to eat in the cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Before, they had to go through the Atrium.

"The computer sets up different time zones for the chips. If a student has no business in a particular area, then his or her chip won't work," Swanton said.

*Students don't have to worry that accesses are being monitored.*

"The main computer also alerts security if a chip used to open a door is not in the system. A red bar will flash on the computer and it will start to beep," Swanton said.

Students don't have to worry about their accesses being monitored. According to Fred,

Freebolin, director of the physical plant, "The computers monitor access for safety reasons only. The system is not meant to be a baby-sitter for students."

**It won't work if you don't use it**

*"Even though the chips provide more security than the keys, carelessness with outside doors undermines the chip's purpose," said David Nevins, director of residence life and campus programs. "The chips and security are worthless if the doors are propped open on campus in dorms like Mary Ben and Mary Jo. This means that students have to take responsibility for their own safety by not propping doors open," said Nevins.*

**Parent's Weekend Calendar**

**Friday, October 3**  
6-8 p.m. Registration in Atrium for family and friends  
6-12 a.m. Union Snack Bar will be open  
8 p.m. Comedian Chad Taylor in JMH  
8-10 p.m. Clarke Theatre presents *Smoke on the Mountain* in TDH  
10 p.m. Movie Major Payne in the Union

**Saturday, October 4**  
9 a.m. Women's Volleyball Tournament  
9-Noon Book Store will be open  
10:30 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Upper Iowa at Senior courts  
11:30-1 p.m. Brunch in the Cafeteria  
11:50-12:20 p.m. Fashion show of Clarke apparel in the Cafeteria  
1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Upper Iowa  
3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Upper Iowa  
5:15-7:15 p.m. Barbecue at Eagle Point Park (Riverfront Pavilion)  
7:15 p.m. President Welcome Reception  
8 p.m. Fourshadow at Kehl Amphitheater  
8 p.m. Clarke Theatre presents *Smoke on the Mountain* in TDH  
10 p.m. Movie Major Payne in the Union

**Sunday, October 5**  
11 a.m. Parent's Weekend Liturgy at the  
11:45-12:30 p.m. Brunch in Cafeteria

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**Drama +**

MICHELLE ANSEL  
Staff writer

*I*magine sitting in a Baptist church in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina on a Saturday night and listening to gospel music. This is what you will experience on Oct. 2-5 at 8 p.m. in Terence Donaghoe Hall at Clarke.

The musical *Smoke on the Mountain* is being put on by the Clarke College Drama Department.

David Kortemeier, assistant professor of drama and the new chair of Clarke's drama department, is the director of this production.

*"I wanted to do a recent favorite. It will be a fun production for the whole family to enjoy."*

*"Smoke on the Mountain" was in town in 1994 at the Five Flags Center with the National Tour and I did see the show and really enjoyed it," Kortemeier said. After considering what kind of actors/actresses would be available*

**NewsNotes****• Spirit Week**

Homecoming '97 is coming up, so start marking your calendars as the celebration kicks off with Spirit Week.

Students are encouraged to participate in this year's Spirit Week beginning on Monday, Oct. 6. Each day of the week has a theme, so students should dress accordingly.

Monday—Favorite Decade

Tuesday—Day

Wednesday—Pajama Day

Thursday—Star Wars Day

Friday—Funny Hat and Bathrobe Day

The Clarke games are also scheduled for

the full week.

Teams of

seven members

will compete in games

for fantastic prizes. Only five

students will play each night so

rotation is allowed.

The pep rally will begin after

the volleyball game on Thursday,

Oct. 9. The members will be in-

troduced and the king will be an-

nounced.

On Friday, Oct. 10, comedian Mike Seigel will provide enter-

tainment in the current host of VH1





**News from the sideline****Football season sparks student interest**by MIKE CYZE  
Sports editor

It seems that as the NFL season progresses, the fan support at Clarke only gets better and better. I knew that the beginning of the football season was big, but I guess I never thought it was THIS big!

For many students, Monday Night Football becomes a religious experience, with more televisions tuned to ABC than I have ever seen in one place in my life.

And this year, football fans have something to be cheering about. Those who love a nice hard-hitting game should be happy to see the increase in defense this year. There have been more sacks than I have seen in a long time.

Here's my look at the local favorites! I'm still undecided about the Packers. I think that their in-

jury trouble as of late might cause a distraction in their Superbowl hopes. The green and gold gave Packer fans a great season to follow last year, but I don't know if their current 3-2 record will land them another shot at a ring.

As for the Bears... Enough said, right? I grew up in Chicago, and I grew up loving the Bears, but, realistically, this season is over. At one point this season, the Bears had the best "red-zone" offense in the NFL. That would be impressive if they could get into the "red-zone" more often than the appearance of Haley's Comet.

The only thing we can do now is hope for a coaching change, and start rebuilding...again.

As for Clarke fans, whether you like the Packers, the Bears, or any other team, keep up the support for the NFL, and let's keep making Sunday afternoon and Monday Night another great way to get together and watch a great sport.

**Christopher is ace for women's tennis team this season**by DARREN DYKSTRA  
Staff reporter

When dedication, enthusiasm, and success are spoken about on Clarke's campus, the Women's Tennis team is sure to be the topic. Add the word "leadership," and senior Jill Christopher will stand out above the rest.

Jill Christopher comes to Clarke from Decorah, Iowa. Christopher was a member of the tennis team at Decorah Senior High, as well as the basketball and softball teams. Being named the captain of this year's squad has motivated her and her teammates

to achieve their current 9-0 record.

Christopher, in singles play, is untouchable with an unblemished record of 8-0



Jill Christopher

As leader and captain of the Women's Tennis team, Christopher said that the coaching staff has played a large role in the team's success.

"Coach Arrington is very dedicated to us, as always. He has gone and recruited four very talented freshmen this year which has helped us out. He simply loves the game and is very enthusiastic and competitive, and as you can see it has rubbed off on his players," said Christopher.

Christopher and freshman Julie Bokermann also have an undefeated season in tact as they are 6-0 heading into further match play this season.

**OCTOBER****MEN'S SOCCER**

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|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| 4 | Clarke vs Upper Iowa  | 3:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Clarke at Mount Mercy | 4:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Clarke at Edgewood    | 4:30 p.m. |

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

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|---|----------------------|-----------|
| 4 | Clarke vs Upper Iowa | 4:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Clarke vs Coe        | 4:30 p.m. |

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

- |   |                       |           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| 4 | Clarke Tournament     | 9:00 a.m. |
| 7 | Clarke at Benedictine | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Clarke vs Viterbo     | 6:00 p.m. |

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

- |      |                           |            |
|------|---------------------------|------------|
| 4    | Clarke vs Upper Iowa      | 10:30 a.m. |
| 9-10 | NIIC Tournament at Aurora |            |

sports events

**Intramural competition heats up****An update on the latest intramural football standings**by CHRIS CLAPHAM  
Staff reporter

The intramural flag football season is in full swing, and this past week brought another exciting week of competition.

On Sunday, September 28, the South Park Cows defeated Stakenas in a 36-6 victory.

The Chefs and Shaber had a close game, with Schaber coming

out victorious with a 28-22 final score.

The Heinz team had a busy but successful day. They played two games, and won both of them. In the first game they defeated the Uncoordinated, 29-20, and then proceeded to beat Bunting only an hour later.

The standings so far this season have the South Park Cows in front with an undefeated record of 4-0. Schaber comes in a close

second also being undefeated, but only playing three games to date.

Heinz comes in at third with a 2-2 record, followed by Bedalov with a 1-1 game count.

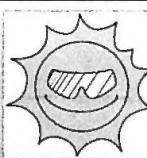
Stakenas and the Chefs cover the fifth and sixth spots, tied with a record of 1-2.

The Uncoordinated and Bunting still remain winless, with the Uncoordinated having lost two games, and Bunting having lost three games.



photo by Jake Tomko

Takayuki Yamada makes a diving attempt for the ball in one of the soccer teams home matches. The team has its next match in a Parent's Weekend game against Upper Iowa. Game time is 3:00 p.m. at the Soccer Complex.

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**• "Death" Day**  
Several students will participate in "Death Day," an activity held during Clarke's Alcohol Awareness Week, on Friday, Oct. 10. The students' faces will be painted white and their attire will be black. They will attend classes and go through their normal daily routines without speaking to represent the number of people killed in alcohol-related accidents. Plans are being finalized to also have a field sobriety test and a "Jaws of Life" demonstration later this month.

**• Mind your manners**  
Nervous about which fork to use? Not sure how to fold your napkin? Join the Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) organization as they attempt to teach students dining etiquette. The dinner will be on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the West Locust Dining Room. A mix-and-mingle reception will be held at 5:00 p.m., with the dinner beginning at 5:30.

**• Learning Center Dedication**  
The dedication of the Lucinda O'Connor, BVM, Language Learning Center in Catherine Byrne Hall will occur on Saturday, Oct. 11. O'Connor will be the guest of honor as many alumni and former foreign language faculty return for the dedication of the lab, which will bear her name in recognition of her many years of service as a Clarke Spanish professor and chair of the foreign language department and her work in the Alumni Office.

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